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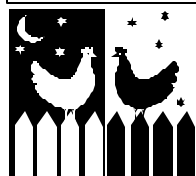
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were mostly at unchanged prices. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Retail demand was slow to moderate, mostly fair at best. Food service was light to fairly good. Supplies were usually at least sufficient for current trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate. Bone-in breasts were close balanced to short with the remaining items at least adequate and available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 02/12/01-02/17/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Bos/New Eng	51.50-53.00	51.76	19	54.24
Chicago	47.00-51.00	50.71	46	52.47
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	56.51
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.19
Denver	66.50	66.40	17	65.84
Detroit	49.00-52.00	51.47	15	54.18
Los Angeles	67.00	64.80	62	62.21
New York	50.00-52.00	50.77	26	54.00
Philadelphia	48.00-50.00	48.88	8	50.77
Pittsburgh	49.00-50.00	49.30	10	55.62
St. Louis	50.00-50.50	49.59	18	51.86
San Francisco	67.50	66.53	30	68.85

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	02/12/01	Change/Last Wk	02/05/01	02/14/00
558	57.22	0.26	56.96	53.40

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	54.00-60.00	59.55	43
Central	54.00-58.00	56.16	66
West	50.00-60.00	57.88	48

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	61.50-63.00	62.19	83
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,133	47.00-62.75	60.45

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	141.50	4,878
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.50	1,565
THIGH MEAT - B/S	88.50	780
LEG QUARTERS	22.50	9,448
WINGS	87.00	3,169

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was slow to fair following the weekend, best where limited retail ads were present. Food service was slightly better with fast food promotions aiding interest. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed. Breast items were in good balance to well cleared, more available for boneless skinless. Wings were in better balance, but still sufficient enough for needs, and dark meat was readily available, closest for thigh meat. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole birds was light entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market and limited purchases to most immediate needs. Offerings were at least adequate on the 2.5 to 3 pound sizes, and the 3.5 pound and heavier birds were usually available. The market tone was about steady. Movement into retail and distributive channels was slow. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were closely balanced, but boneless-skinless breasts were more than adequate. Wings were fully adequate, and the balance of parts were sufficient.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading for this week's deliveries were mainly unchanged on regular commitments with new negotiations mixed. Offerings fully adequate overall. Retailer demand light to moderate, best by restaurants. Dealers reported satisfactory to occasionally heavier than desired weekend carryovers. Reported trading on parts for delivery into California this week: leg quarters 23.5 for bagged 4/10s, 20.5-21.5 bulk, bone-in breasts 74-81, boneless breasts 125-135, wings 91, boneless leg meat 67-69, boneless thigh meat 75. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up .43 to 52.00 with the volume down 3 percent.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices for this week's deliveries increased slightly into St. Louis, TFEWR into Ohio and unchanged elsewhere from last Monday's final majority. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings of WOGs and whole birds were fully available with buyers cautious and selective. Movement into retail channels was slow to moderate at best. Food service demand was light to fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate to long with sizes mixed. Parts trading was limited for the fully adequate offerings. Trade sentiment was barely steady on wings and boneless/skinless breasts and mostly steady on the balance.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair. Seller offerings were fully adequate for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, buying interest was light to fair and cautious. Boneless skinless breasts were available and generally slow in clearing. Bone-in breasts were usually noted as snug. Leg quarters were adequate and in fairly good balance. Wings were fully adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	51-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.93
NO. OF BOXES	7,988

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest was light and selective entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of bone-in breasts were closely balanced, however, boneless-skinless breasts were usually available. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient, and wings were adequate to fully adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was slow, although, usually best for the occasional feature. The market tone was fully steady on bone-in breasts, cautiously steady on boneless-skinless breasts, no better than steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	137.87	511,840
TENDERLOINS	130-135	135.17	79,080
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	75.70	199,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	72.52	223,200
LEGS	32-33	36.28	202,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.38	451,277
DRUMSTICKS	27-28	35.26	96,670
THIGHS	29-30	32.61	108,000
B/S THIGHS	83-84	87.70	30,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	81-82	88.92	302,250
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.19	45,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.66	33,300
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.44	48,892

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

#### ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,338	110.00-130.00	120-125	121.78
TENDERLOINS	543	115.00-196.00	115-125	133.12
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
FRONT HALVES	1,000	68.00-73.00	71-73	71.70
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	658	17.00-19.00	17	17.09
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,734	18.00-21.00	18.5-19	18.86
WINGS (WHOLE)		NO TRADING REPORTED		
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,309	24.00-27.00	26-27	26.33

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	02/12	02/08	02/08	02/05	02/01
ALA	3,885	3,802	4.95	3,736	4.88
ARK	4,847	4,830	4.83	5,203	4.91
DELMARVA	2,268	2,163	4.96	2,280	4.94
KY-LA-TN	1,995	1,934	4.50	1,994	4.44
MISS	2,761	2,680	4.98	2,413	5.07
NC	2,532	2,463	5.68	2,572	5.78
TEXAS	2,285	2,254	4.77	2,257	4.75
TOTAL	20,573	20,126	4.95	20,455	4.97
MON	20,573(A)			20,455(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Feb 2001 is estimated to be 30,780,000 up 0.28 percent from a week ago and up 0.65 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,695,000, last year 30,582,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	891	120.00-205.00	135-145	141.39
TENDERLOINS	187	135.00-210.00	135-140	146.42
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	72.00-75.00	-	74.36
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	86	27.00-40.00	28-30	29.30
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	309	16.50-20.00	17-18	17.15
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,155	18.50-24.00	21-23	21.20
WINGS (WHOLE)	81	85.00-88.00	-	86.70
WINGS (CUT)	673	87.00-116.00	97-99	100.66
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	79	77.00-95.00	-	85.25

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	42.75 - 46.00	43.83	42.98

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION PARTS** PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 02/12-02/16/01

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	115.00 - 165.00	125.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	65.00 - 84.00	69.00 - 74.00
LEGS	27.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 24.00	19.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	32.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	30.00 - 45.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	80.00 - 90.00	82.00 - 84.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-86
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	82-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	81
FROZEN DUCKS	139
FROZEN SQUABS	589

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139

RABBITS-WHOLE  
RABBITS-CUT UP

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

#### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 108
	ICE PACK 93-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 116
	ICE PACK 104-111
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 91
	ICE PACK 93
DUCKS	152-172

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

09-FEB-2001

**CHICKEN**

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>15% OR LESS</b>				
RANGE	20.00	-	416,000	416,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.00			

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>15% OR LESS</b>				
RANGE	15.50-18.00	15.00-17.25	706,000	266,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.85	16.31		
<b>15-20%</b>				
RANGE	14.50-18.00	12.00-14.00	1,873,000	872,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.28	13.03		
<b>20% OR MORE</b>				
RANGE	-	11.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES OF CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

09-FEB-2001

**CHICKEN**

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>15% OR LESS</b>				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>15% OR LESS</b>				
RANGE	20.00	15.00	71,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00	15.00		
<b>15-20%</b>				
RANGE	16.00-19.50	11.00-13.00	897,600	408,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.92	11.67		
<b>20% OR MORE</b>				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES OF CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLTR

WEEK OF 12-FEB-01	CENTS/LB			
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-11.25	6-8	7.86	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were reported in a range of about adequate to ample. Demand was only fair. Processing schedules were about normal. The undertone was barely steady to steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-FEB-01

WEEK OF 12-FEB-01	CENTS/LB			
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9.5	6.5-9.5	7.70	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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